

AMBLE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
AMBLE.

14th May, 1943.

To:- Dr. L. Dyke, M.B.,B.S.,
Medical Officer of Health,
Amble Urban District Council.
Report of Sanitary Inspector 1942-1943.

Dear Madam,

I have the honour to submit my annual report on the various services administered by the Health Department of the Urban District in accordance with circulars of the Ministry of Health.

Public Cleansing

The collection of house refuse has been carried out in a systematic regular manner and without any serious complaint, and in spite of war conditions all privy middens are emptied twice weekly.

The income received from the
collection of trade refuse £10. 3s. 2d.

The Harrier Bantam, 7 cubic yard motor refuse collector, purchased in 1937, still gives satisfactory service and was repainted during the year.

Salvage

The salvage of waste materials continued during the year and increased quantities have been received, the income from this source being - £292. 8s. 0d.

Disposal of Refuse

All refuse is tipped on controlled lines, as in former years, and in view of the salvage of waste materials the refuse is largely ash.

The length of haul from our most distant point is 1.038 miles.

Street Cleansing

The work of street cleansing has been maintained during the year and all street gutters are periodically cleansed.

The nett cost of this work was - £234. 0s. 0d.

Food Condemned

5	-	6 lb. tins	chopped ham
7	-	2½ lb.	" " "
6	-	24 oz.	" " "
2	-	12 oz.	" " "
1	-	tin	soup
1	-	tin	carrots
3	-	tins	cream
1	-	tin	peas
1	-	tin	tomatoes
19	-	tins	milk
7	-	tins	pine cubes
2	-	1 lb. tins	salmon
1	-	2½ lb. tins	stewed steak
3	-	2½ lb. tins	ham

Food Condemned (Continued).

2 - 1½ lb. tins sausage meat
7 - 6 lb. tins luncheon meat
4 - 2½ lb. " " "
20 doz. eggs
407 lb. fish

Cowsheds and Dairies

The number of registered persons in the district is as follows:-

Wholesale purveyors of milk - 4
Retail purveyors of milk - 9
Cowkeepers and Dairymen - 7
Premises licensed for storage and sale of T.T. Milk - 1
Premises licensed for storage and sale of Pasteurised Milk - 1

Dairies and cowsheds were kept in a clean and sanitary condition.

Eight samples of milk were sent for bacteriological examination.

Water Supply

The supply was constant and sufficient for both domestic and industrial purposes during the year.

Offensive trades

These premises, comprised of fish-fryers, are kept in a cleanly state and no infringement of the Bye Laws has been reported.

Factory Act 1937

The factories were kept in a cleanly condition and no action had to be taken or notice served.

Shipping

During the year one ship was disinfected due to a case of diphtheria being reported otherwise the crews' quarters of the vessels inspected were generally satisfactory.

Disinfection

Twenty-eight rooms of eighteen premises have been disinfected after infectious disease.

One building used by firewatchers, was disinfected after a case of scabies.

Clothing from fifteen persons suffering from scabies was disinfected.

Nuisances and defects under Public Health Acts and Housing Acts

Choked drains cleansed - 31
Defective sewers - 4
Choked W.C.s - 5
Defective water pipes repaired - 2
Defective scullery repaired - 1
Defective outbuildings repaired - 1
Defective footpaths repaired - 6

Nuisances and defects under Public Health Acts and Housing Acts (Continued).

Defective Cooking ranges repaired - 5
Defective Chimneys repaired - 4
Defective Sink-waste pipes repaired - 2
Repairs to water supply - 8
Repairs to roofs - 2
Repairs to eaves spout - 1
Dustbins Provided - 2
Drains relayed - 3

In conclusion, I wish to express my indebtedness to the Chairman and members of the Council and the Chairman of the Works Committee, also to the officials of the Council for their co-operation, and to the foreman and members of the manual staff for the way they have carried out their duties despite the difficult times which have prevailed.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

A. W. CHARITY

Sanitary Inspector and Surveyor.

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To The Chairman and Members of the
Amble Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1942 in accordance with the provisions of the Ministry of Health Circulars 2604 and 2773 which restrict the Report to matters affecting the Public Health.

During the year under review it is most unfortunate to record the deaths of Dr. J. A. Loughridge who has been Medical Officer of Health since 1910, and also of Dr. R. E. Moyes who was appointed Medical Officer of Health in succession to Dr. Loughridge but who only held the appointment for three months before he died in October, 1942.

General Statistics.

Area: 1220 acres of land and inland water.
Number of inhabited houses: (1942) 1312
Rateable value: £19,074
Sum represented by ld. rate: 273



Births.

		Total	Male	Female	
		67	27	40	(Birth Rate:
Live births	Legitimate	1	0	1	(15.8/1,000
	Illegitimate	68			
Still births	Legitimate	4	2	2	(Rate per
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	(1,000 live
					births:
					55.5

Deaths.

The number of deaths in the Urban District after allowing for transferable deaths was fifty-one.

The Death Rate for the year was 11.8 per 1,000 inhabitants.

Deaths occurred throughout the year as follows:-

January	4	July	8
February	6	August	4
March	3	September	4
April	4	October	4
May	8	November	4
June	1	December	1

The ages at death were as follows:-

Under 1 year	2
1 and under 2 years	1
2 " " 5 "	3
5 " " 15 "	3
15 " " 25 "	2
25 " " 45 "	2
45 " " 65 "	8
65 years and upwards	30

Infant Mortality (under 1 year).

There were two deaths of infants under one year with a Death Rate of 29.4 per 1,000 live births.

The ages and causes of death were:-

- (1) 2 days: congenital debility
- (2) 1 day: congenital debility

Principal Causes of Death other than Infant Mortality.

Cancer	12
Senility	8
Heart disease	8
Accidental death	4
Apoplexy	3
Tuberculosis	3
Pneumonia (all forms)	1
Bronchitis	1

Notifiable Diseases during the Year

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Cases Notified</u>	<u>Admitted to Hospital</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet fever	2	-	-
Diphtheria	3	-	1
Measles	26	2	-
Pneumonia	5	-	1
Whooping cough	2	-	-
Erysipelas	2	-	-
Ophthalmia neonatorum:	none notified.		

Tuberculosis

During this year two new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis have been notified and there have been three deaths. No cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis have been notified.

New Cases and Mortality according to Age:-

	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
5 - 15 years	1	-	-	-
15 - 25 years	-	-	-	-
35 - 45 years	-	1	1	-
45 years and upwards	-	-	1	-

Smallpox

No vaccinations were performed by the Medical Officer of Health under the Public Health (Smallpox Prevention) Regulations 1917.

Diphtheria

During the year an effort has been made to have every child between the ages of 1 and 15 years immunised against diphtheria. Children of school age were immunised at school by the Medical Officer of Health and of 666 children attending the Amble schools 95.3% are now immunised. Children under school age were immunised at the Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic and of 376 children under the age of 5 years 65.1% are immunised. It is now hoped that all children will be immunised when they reach the age of one year.

Scabies

During the year under review arrangements were made for cases of scabies to be treated at the First Aid Cleansing Station. Treatment is carried out by the First Aid personnel under my supervision. Since these arrangements were completed in September 38 cases have been treated; of these, 8 are men, 12 women, and 18 children.

All clothing from patients is disinfected on the completion of treatment, and in one case it was necessary to destroy a mattress.

The incidence of scabies is now considerably reduced.

Venerèal Diseases.

So far as can be ascertained, venereal disease is rare in this area; only one case is known to have received treatment during the year.

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic

This clinic is under the auspices of the County Health Authority. There is one Health Visitor, and also one District Nurse who attends all maternity cases.

Water Supply

The Water Supply was of the usual good quality and a constant supply was available. The analyst reports as follows:-

Total Solids dried at 180°C	33.00	parts	per	100,000
Chlorine as chlorides	3.55	"	"	"
Free Ammonia	0.002	"	"	"
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.001	"	"	"
Nitrogen as Nitrates	0.078	"	"	"
Oxygen absorbed (4 hours at 80°F)	0.050	"	"	"
Total hardness	26.2	"	"	"
Temporary hardness	20.0	"	"	"
Permanent hardness	6.2			
Lead and Copper	None			
Iron	None			
Appearance	Clear and Colourless			
Smell and Taste	Satisfactory			
Microscopical examination of deposit - Satisfactory				

The sample of water is of satisfactory organic purity, its physical and microscopical characteristics are also good.

I am of the opinion that the water is suitable for public supply.

W. GORDON CAREY, F.I.C.,

Public Analyst.

Part Sanitation

There was one case of infectious disease occurred on a vessel during the voyage but disposed of prior to arrival. The ship was disinfected on arrival.

Factory Act 1937

Four young persons have been examined during the year none being rejected.

I take this opportunity, Gentlemen, to thank you for the consideration you have shown me while I have acted as your Medical Officer of Health.

LILLIAN DYKE

Acting Medical Officer of Health.

